

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 2 January 2018
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Patrick Guthrie, Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer, Pamela Meister and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of minutes: Reviewed minutes December 5, 2017. Approved as amended.
3. Communications Received:
 - a. Several communications from neighbors of 21 Hutchinson Road concerned about the demolition and plans of this property.
 - b. Messages regarding the hearing for property on 65 Hillside Avenue.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Loan application received.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Vicki Fill in.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
 - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- In process of reviewing applications from the Old Schwamb Mill and the Jason Russell House.
 - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) 135 properties will be inventoried including Bartlett Street and properties south and also including Village Lane. Laura Kritzer is leading this project.

Historical Commission FY 2016 Budget – Nothing to report.

5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
 - b. 47 Mystic Lake Drive 9/16 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
 - c. 89 Beacon Street 4/17 Schaefer- Nothing to report.
 - d. Signs for 9 Mystic Street- 9/17 Schaefer-
 - e. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - f. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - g. 27 Wyman Street 10/17 Stange- Work has begun.
 - h. 12 Schouler Court 11/17 1 year demolition delay.
 - i. 418 Massachusetts Avenue 11/17- Stange Continued hearing.
 - j. Signs for 485 Massachusetts Avenue and 677 Massachusetts Avenue 12/17- Robinson
 - k. 630 Massachusetts Ave 1/18- Guthrie
 - l. 65 Hillside Avenue 1/18

It was determined that a monitor is no longer needed for the property at 21 Ashland Street and it has been removed from Projects.

6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings) Robinson/Guthrie- Nothing to report. Patrick Guthrie will send a memo to Jim Feeney that it has been brought to his attention that debris from garden work has been found to be leaning against
- a. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – Meeting this month to review plans. Will go out to bid in February. Schedule date for the garden to close starts June 1. ACMI is looking into documenting this arranged by Eric Stange. Proposal for Old Burying Ground. (ask JoAnn about details)
- b. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- c. Historic House Markers: Nothing to report.
- d. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- e. Web Site: Stange – No report.

7. Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm Formal Hearing for 418 Massachusetts Avenue continued hearing from November 2017. Presenter: Mr. Nahrain Bhatia. The motion made at the November meeting was to (add decision). Mr. Bhatia will also look into additional window types. Brought in sample of proposed shingle that the Commission mentioned that the size may not match existing and would not work on the rounded edges of the house. We need to know the average shingle look, size is? You can adjust the exposure to match existing. If you can't use this on the round edges, then there will Talk with contractor and come back with more information. Does he have any other options that are smaller.

Plan has changed to replace like with like wood shingles. Commissioner Guthrie moved that we would be in favor to replace in kind wood shingles with wood shingles.

8:30pm Formal Hearing for 630 Massachusetts Avenue with Michael Birenbach, Chair of the Property Committee for the UU Church. The entire complex is on the Inventory including the Parish House. Plan is to replace windows- 4 windows on one side, 2 windows on another, Type of window- double hung, simulated divided light, All Welded 4100 series from Diamond Windows. Patrick Guthrie made motion to replace windows. 2nd by Commissioner Stange. Patrick Guthrie will be the monitor for the project.

9:00pm Formal Hearing for 65 Hillside Avenue with Leslie Oringer and Scott Hankinson. Plan to add addition with a three-car garage. The size of the addition was down scaled due to feedback received. Removing the kitchen window and a little bit of the back porch.

Materials: 3.5 inch overlap clapboard to match existing. One large garage door and one smaller garage door. Have to shorten the 2nd floor window (not replace just shrink it)

Transom Windows above the garage doors

Maintain trim sizes.

Foundation- poured concrete.

For Trim- Composite wood (Boral Brand) brackets,

Windows – three on garage (vinyl) with Transom windows.

Garage Doors- Propose roll up aluminum.

Will remove kitchen window.

Siding- match existing.

Suggestions-

Move to approve the plans as proposed with the items that will be detailed in the decision to the Building Department. The owner will work closely with the monitor regarding the materials garage door, windows, corbels. Twin Pam 2nd 2 opposed 3 in favor. Monitor will be JoAnn Robinson. Closed at 9:30pm.

The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be February 6, 2018 at 7:45pm.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.

This property is listed on the Arlington Historical Commission Inventory of Significant Properties as it is located in the Arlington Center National Register and Multipurpose Historic Districts.

At a formal hearing held on January 2, 2018, members of the Arlington Historical Commission voted to approve the replacement of several windows as shown on the attached document.